

**HEBER EAST WARD RELIEF SOCIETY:** Margaret Muir, president from 1879 to 1895 with Elizabeth Rasband and Margaret Todd as counselors and Ellen Lee and Eda Johnson as secretaries; Sarah Bond, president from 1895 to 1901 with Hannah Nicol, Fedelia Jacobs and Betty Peterson as counselors and Mary A. Cummings and Eda R. Johnson, secretaries; Sarah K. Bridge, president from 1901 to 1902, with Mary A. Cummings and Augusta Dahlman, counselors, Amelia Montgomery and Eda R. Johnson, secretaries; Alice Lambert, president from 1902 to 1903 with Anna Smart and Emma Duke, counselors and Amelia Montgomery and Eda R. Johnson, secretaries.



The Heber Sunday School Choir of 1896. George Harbor, leader.  
Front row, left to right, Lottie Moulton, Emma Giles, Tillie Clegg, Minnie Dahlman, Lillie Roberts and Emily Howarth. Second row, Mary Giles, Hannah Jeffs and Mary Hicken. Third row, Ruth Hicken, Joseph Moulton, John W. Crook, Isabell Baum and Hannah Harbour. Fourth row, Georganna Lindsay, Joseph A. Murdoch, Malinda Hicken, Mary Carlile, Mary Emma McMillan, Annabell Clegg, Lizzie Giles, Gladys McMullin, Harriet McMillan and George Harbor. Fifth row, Mary Howarth, DeVera Smith, Sarah Giles and Jennie Dahlman.

**HEBER EAST WARD PRIMARY:** Ellen Lee, president from 1879 to 1893 with Josephine Cluff, Eda Johnson and Marion Todd (Campbell) as counselors and Annie R. Duke, Isabell Todd (Hicken), Dora Nicol (Murdoch) and Mary E. Rasband (McDonald), secretaries; Fedelia Jacobs president from 1893 to 1899 with Emily Bond (Murdoch), Mary M. Fisher, Emma Duke and Mary Jeffs Bond as counselors and

Eliza Jane Chawner and Ida Murdoch (Kirkhay), secretaries; Mary E. Rasband McDonald president from 1899 to 1903 with Eliza J. Rasband, Maggie Murdoch, Minnie A. Cummings as counselors and Minnie Murdoch (Giles) and Joan Todd (Watkins) as secretaries, with Clara Clyde and LaPreal Hatch as special aides.

Records of the Heber East Ward MIA apparently are not available, except for a brief mention in the ward records of 1885 that Superintendent Thomas Watson took charge of an MIA meeting at which Robert Duke gave a report of the association's work.

**HEBER WEST WARD RELIEF SOCIETY:** Katherine Forman president from 1879 to 1895 with Mary Crook, Isabella Murdoch and Ann Murdoch as counselors and Sarah A. Jeffs, Sarah Montgomery, Annie Davis and Hannah Harbour as secretaries; Sarah Cummings, president from 1895 to 1898 with Christina Giles and Mary E. Giles as counselors and Euphemia Moulton as secretary; Christina Giles president from 1898 to 1903 with Mary E. Giles and Sarah E. Carlile as counselors and Sarah Forman and Janett McMullin as secretaries.

**HEBER WEST WARD PRIMARY:** Mary Clyde (Willis) president from 1879 to 1884 with Sarah Moulton, Mary Montgomery, Jacobina Murdoch (Clegg) and Christine Montgomery (Smithies) as counselors and Georganna Clyde and Eliza Jeffs (Rasband) as secretaries; Sarah M. Rasband president from 1884 to 1887 with Janett M. McMullin and Christine M. Smithies as counselors and Mary Jane Crook, Mariah C. Hicken (Baum) and Eliza Jeffs as secretaries; Margaret M. Adamson president from 1887 to 1889 with Margaret Hicken and Janett McMullin as counselors and Mary A. Cummings and Annie Duke as secretaries. Brigham Clegg was librarian and Mary E. Barnes and Juventa Clegg (Tulledge) were choristers. Margaret (Maggie) Hicken, president from 1889 to 1897 with Hannah Harbour, Mary E. Jeffs Bond, Sarah E. Giles and Emma Jeffs (Fortie) as counselors and Margaret Crook, secretary; Elizabeth Hicken president from 1897 to 1903 with Sarah Giles (Murdoch), Mary Clyde Willis and Janett McMullin as counselors and Malinda Hicken (Mahoney) and Mary Carlile (McNaughton) secretaries; Tressie Murdoch (Nicol) special aide and Emma Giles (Carlile) as organist.

Very few early records are available for the MIA. One entry in the ward records of 1884 indicates that John A. Fortie was president with John T. Giles and Fred Crook as counselors and George Harbour as secretary. Meetings were held in the upper room of the Tithing Office.

The Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association began in Heber on December 3, 1889. The minute book records on that date the following:

"Bishop Clegg in charge. The Bishop made a few remarks about choosing a president. The president was voted by ballot. Sister Eliza

When this bank was liquidated, the Commercial Bank was formed. This has since become part of the First Security Bank of Utah system. In 1950 a beautiful new bank building was erected. It opened for business June 10, 1950, with Gordon Mendenhall as manager. The present manager is Byron Cheever.

#### DRUG STORES

The first drug store in Heber was opened December 18, 1889 by Richard Bridge who had been with the ZCMI drug store in Salt Lake City. Mr. Bridge also served as Heber postmaster for a number of years. His drug store was on the east side of Main Street between First and Second North, and featured the first soda fountain in the valley.

In 1902 Mr. Bridge sold his store to Dr. W. R. Wherrill and moved back to Salt Lake City. Dr. Wherrill reorganized the store and then sold it to Abram Hatch, son of Joseph Hatch. When the Bank Building was completed the store moved into the south half of that building. Later Abram Hatch sold the business to Mrs. Mononi (Nellie) Turner, who operated it for a time and then sold it to Mr. and Mrs. Bliss Bignell. Meanwhile, Levi and William Turner started a drug store in a little building north of the old Jeff's Store. Mr. Flesher was the druggist. When Mr. Hatch moved into the Bank Building, the Turners moved their store to the Bridge Building.

Jesse Hatt, another druggist, came to Heber in 1917 in the employ of a corporation headed by Ed Hatch, Andrew Murdoch, Fred Giles and other stockholders. Mr. Hatt gradually bought the interests of the various stockholders until he owned the business. This store is still being operated by the Hatt Brothers, sons of Mr. Hatt. They also own and operate the drug store once owned by Mr. and Mrs. Bignell.

#### PHOTOGRAPHY

Photography had an early start in Heber when William Willis and his wife opened a studio in a cabin near their home on 482 S. Main. Later they built a new studio on the site presently occupied by Chick's Cafe. Many treasured pictures in old family albums were taken by Mr. and Mrs. Willis. Mrs. Willis learned the art from her husband and then operated the shop while he studied law and became a prominent attorney. Leslie Condon took over the business from the Willis', but did not maintain it long. Another photo studio was operated for a short time by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pool in the Avon Theatre building. Now Don Barker does the photography work of the valley.

#### PUBLISHING

Underlying the growth of nearly all Heber business firms has been the support of the community newspaper, the Wasatch Wave. Someone once said that the formula for business success was "Early to bed, early to rise, work like the devil and advertise." The opportunity for merchants to advertise their goods or services came in the pages of the newspaper, and certainly helped in no small way to expand community business.

The newspaper was first published in 1889 in the north room of the Court House. William H. Buys, the owner, editor and manager of the paper, worked feverishly to bring the first issue into being. The hand-set Cheltenham light-face type had arrived late from Salt Lake City and Mr. Buys burned a lot of midnight oil to get the type set and the issue ready for the March 23, 1889 publication date.

The biggest news in the four-page first issue, of course, was the birth of the paper, which Mr. Buys said was "but a tiny ripple on the great ocean of journalism." It may have seemed "tiny" then, but the newspaper has grown in size and in service until it is considered one of the state's best weekly newspapers today.



Appointed Roy D. Moulton as the first chief of police. The force included four policemen in addition to the chief, and with a radio equipped car they provided 24-hour protection. Lowell Thacker succeeded Mr. Moulton as chief, but held office only a short time before appointment of the present chief, Ferris Clegg.

Mayor Jaiocetti also expanded the city's water storage system, which was first constructed in 1905 under the direction of Mayor Joseph A. Ransband. The system was expanded to 1.5 million gallons of storage in 1952 and a chlorination purification plant was built to insure a pure supply of water for the community.

By 1953 Mayor Jaiocetti had begun a complete installation of sewage disposal lines in the city and the construction of a full treatment plant at a cost of \$325,000. Heber was the second of Utah's third class cities to install such a system.

Because the streets were almost completely torn up with the construction of the new sewer system the mayor began a complete resurfacing program and by 1955 the more than 21 miles of city streets had been resurfaced.

The city ball park was lighted in 1953 to accommodate night events, and in that year a new pumper was also purchased for the city fire department along with a portable first aid unit including two resuscitators.

The Wasatch County Youth Coordinating Council was established in 1953 through the cooperation of Ferrin Van Wagoner, superintendent

of county schools. Then in 1954 the Little League Baseball Diamond was

constructed with a complete water system for the grass. Curb and guttering was extended along Main Street, to the city limits on the south and to Sixth North, as well as along west First South.

Another pumper fire engine was purchased in 1955 at a cost of \$25,393.00, making the Heber valley department one of the best fire fighting units in the state.

Many other improvements have been made by Mayor Jaiocetti to add to the beauty of the city and to facilitate the services of city government to the people of the community.

Still another feature of governmental service in the community has been the post office. John W. Witt, who operated a small store in the northwest part of Heber, was the community's first postmaster, though he was never officially commissioned by the government. He would receive letters from Provo and Salt Lake and hold them in his store until patrons called for them.

Organized mail service from the "outside world" was begun in 1862 when Isaac O. Wall began carrying mail on horseback during the summer months. No service was provided during the winter. In Spring cross, Mr. Wall extended a cable from trees on either side of the river and transferred mail pouches with the rider from Provo.



Adolphus K. Duke,  
Center - Daniels mail  
carrier for 34 years.

The first official postmaster, John Gallagher, was appointed in 1870 and served faithfully for several years. Helping carry the mail around 1870 were Joseph Stacey Murdock, who had a contract to haul mail from Provo to Echo by way of Heber and Kamas twice a week, winter and summer. Mose Cluff also carried mail for some time.

Succeeding Mr. Gallagher as Heber postmaster was Henry McMullin, Sr., who operated the post office in a room of his hotel where Ashton's Store now stands. The next postmaster was John Duncan, who was succeeded by Richard Bridger. Stage coach operations were begun about this time, and mail service was facilitated by daily stage runs



Lawrence B. Duke,  
rural route mail car-  
rier for over 30 years.